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Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS)

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System Overview

DSCS

- Provides a worldwide, responsive Super High Frequency (SHF) wideband and anti-jam satellite communications capability in support of critical national, strategic, and Tactical C3I requirements
- System consists of: a space segment, a control segment, and a terminal segment
- Terminal Segments
 - Strategic
 - Tactical



DSCS Channels

Channel Number	Uplink Frequency Bands (MHZ)	
	DSCS III A1-B7	DSCS III B8-B14
1	7975-8035	7975-8025
2	8060-8120	8040-8115
3	8145-8230	8130-8215
4	8255-8315	8230-8315
5	8340-8400	8340-8400
6	7900-7950	7900-7950



DSCS EARTH-STATION TERMINALS

LARGE TERMINAL TRANSMITTER CHARACTERISTICS

NOMENCLATURE: AN/FSC-78

DEPLOYMENT: WORLDWIDE

FUNCTION: STRATEGIC/TACTICAL GATEWAY

UPLINK FREQUENCY BAND: 7900-8400 MHZ

MODULATION TYPES: BPSK & OQPSK

MODULATION TECHNIQUE: FDMA

MODES OF OPERATION: DATA & VOICE (DIGITAL)

EMISSION BANDWIDTH: 6 MHZ **BASEBAND DATA RATE:** 2 X T1

POWER LEVEL: 32 DBM

ANTENNA SIZE/TYPE: 60-FOOT PARABOLIC REFLECTOR

ANTENNA GAIN: 61 DBI



LARGE DSCS EARTH-STATION TERMINAL LOCATIONS IN THE US





DSCS EARTH-STATION TERMINALS

MEDIUM TERMINAL TRANSMITTER CHARACTERISTICS

NOMENCLATURE: AN/GSC-39

AN/GSC-52

AN/MSC-73

DEPLOYMENT: WORLDWIDE

FUNCTION: STRATEGIC/TACTICAL GATEWAY

UPLINK FREQUENCY BAND: 7900-8400 MHZ MODULATION TYPES: BPSK & OQPSK

MODULATION TECHNIQUE: FDMA

MODES OF OPERATION: DATA & VOICE (DIGITAL)

EMISSION BANDWIDTH: 6 MHZ BASEBAND DATA RATE: 2 X T1

POWER LEVEL: 33 DBM

ANTENNA SIZE/TYPE: 38-FOOT PARABOLIC REFLECTOR

ANTENNA GAIN: 57 DBI



MEDIUM DSCS EARTH-STATION TERMINAL LOCATIONS IN THE US





DSCS EARTH-STATION TERMINALS

SMALL TERMINAL TRANSMITTER CHARACTERISTICS

NOMENCLATURE: AN/TSC-85B,-85C, -86,-93A&B&C,-94B,

-100A

DEPLOYMENT: WORLDWIDE

FUNCTION: STRATEGIC OR TACTICAL

UPLINK FREQUENCY BAND: 7900-8400 MHZ

MODULATION TYPES: BPSK & OQPSK

MODULATION TECHNIQUE: FDMA

MODES OF OPERATION: DATA & VOICE (DIGITAL)

EMISSION BANDWIDTHS: 25 KHZ – 9.8 MHZ

BASEBAND DATA RATE: 2 X T1

POWER LEVEL: 47 DBM FOR 8-FOOT TERMINAL

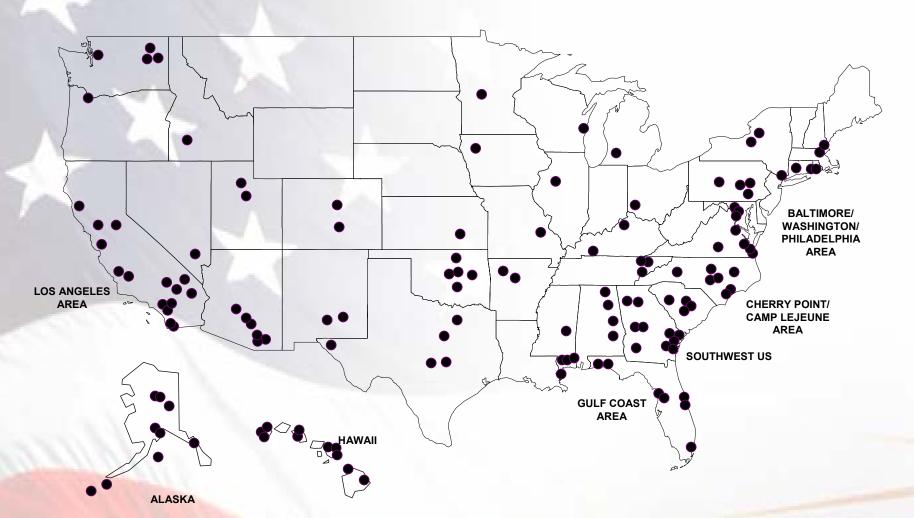
37 DBM FOR 20-FOOT TERMINAL

ANTENNA SIZE/TYPE: 8 OR 20 FOOT DISH

ANTENNA GAIN: 44 OR 52 DBI



SMALL DSCS EARTH-STATION TERMINAL LOCATIONS IN THE US





DSCS Terminals Employing Spread Spectrum Modulation

GENERAL TRANSMITTER CHARACTERISTICS

NOMENCLATURE: AN/FSC-78

AN/GSC-52

AN/GSC-49

AN/GSC-39

DEPLOYMENT: FIXED SITES IN THE US

UPLINK FREQUENCY BAND: 8002.7/8013.0 MHZ

MODULATION TYPES: BPSK & OQPSK

MODULATION TECHNIQUE: CDMA EMISSION BANDWIDTHS: 40 MHZ

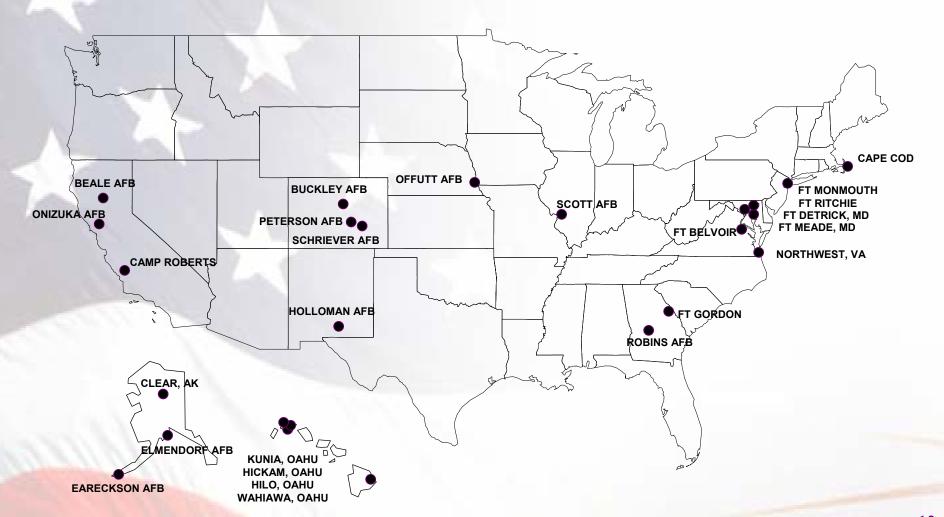
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BASEBAND DATA RATE: 2 X T1

POWER LEVEL: 53 DBM (20-FOOT TERMINAL)



DSCS EARTH-STATION TERMINALS IN THE US WHICH EMPLOY SPREAD SPECTRUM MODULATION





SUMMARY

- DSCS Operates In The 8025-8400 MHZ Band
- Potential For EMI To Earth-Exploration Satellite Terminals
- EMI Analyses Required To Identify Areas Of Compatible Operation
- Coordination With Government Agencies Through The FCC Recommended Prior To Terminal Installation
- DSCS: Road Ahead